GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1420
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2016
Death of CAPF Personnel in Naxal Attack
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) personnel killed in incidents relating to Left Wing Extremism has increased in the past two years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study/assessment as to why despite proper training the said personnel have been largely ineffective against left Wing extremists and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the CAPF are ill-equipped in terms of weapons, armory or ammunitions; and

(e) if so, whether the Government is taking steps to upgrade the CAPF in terms of training and equipments in order to combat the left wing extremists more effectively and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): No, Madam. The number of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel killed in incidents relating to Left Wing Extremism (LWE) violence has come down in the past two years. State-wise details of CAPF casualties in last two years and in the current year (upto 27th April) are given in Annexure-1.
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(b) & (c): Govt. of India reviews the performance of forces every year and frames strategies & policies accordingly. The Central Government and its various agencies organize a number of effective and relevant training programmes for CAPFs personnel on a continuous basis on various aspects of anti-LWE operations. Due to such reviewing and trainings, successful operations were conducted and 89 LWE cadres were killed in 2015 as compared to 63 in 2014. The numbers of arms recovered have also increased from 548 in 2014 to 723 in 2015.

(d) & (e): The CAPFs are well equipped in terms of arms & ammunition. Special weapons are provided for units deployed in LWE-affected areas. Training is one of the focus area and is conducted for anti-naxal operations that are intelligence based and also for countering IEDs. To impart quality training, training syllabus is being revised from time to time. The Army has also been carrying out pre-induction training of CAPF battalions being inducted into LWE areas.

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